

KENTUCKY BOARD OF PODIATRY

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> MEMORANDUM July 28, 2020

To: All Podiatry Licensees

As mandated by 201 KAR 25:031. Continuing education: "Section 1. (1) Each podiatrist licensed by the board shall annually complete twenty (20) hours of continuing education relating to the practice of podiatry. (2) The twenty (20) hours shall include: (a) At least fifteen (15) Category A continuing education hours." It also states: "Section 2. Categories of Continuing Education Hours. (1) A Category A continuing education hour shall specifically relate to podiatric medicine, surgery, or science and shall: (a) Be earned by attendance at: 1. A professional seminar, including the Kentucky Podiatric Medical Association's annual conference; 2. An accredited school of podiatry continuing education program; or3. Another program approved by the board under Section 6 of this administrative regulation."

Senate Bill 150, signed into law March 27, 2020, allows state occupational licensing boards to "waive or suspend" any "administrative fees or obligations" for the duration of the COVID-19 state of emergency, and for "at least 30 days thereafter."

The Kentucky Board of Podiatry has accordingly voted to waive the in-person component of the continuing education requirement for the 2020 licensure year through December 31, 2020, and has voted that live, online seminars and training continuing education will substitute for the in-person continuing education requirement for the 2020 licensure year through December 31, 2020.

This decision in no way reflects the continuing education requirement for the 2021 licensure year.

Respectfully,

Keith Myrick, DPM Board Chair